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PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I would endorse this amendment also. Senator Dickinson does explain a very serious problem with SID's. They are unique, governmental subdivision which the general population of Nebraska did not understand. Certainly people moving into Nebraska from other areas ... I've had numerous contacts of a person coming here from Florida or Chicago, or whatever, buy a home in the suburbs of Omaha and find out a year later that he lives in an area that has a sanitary improvement district mill levy of 35, 25, 35, 40 mills. He has never heard of or had an opportunity to hear of a sanitary improvement district, does not know what he's being taxed for and has no understanding of the future debt that he has bought a part of when he bought that home. So whether it's a regular Nebraskan and even more severely when it's a new resident coming into this state there's absolutely no opportunity now for them to be aware of that circumstance and they certainly should be to know that the level of debt that's going to be assessed against their property and the potential mill levy obligation that they're going to have with reference to that debt. So I'd endorse this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, colleagues. People do buy blindly. It's amazing how we can make what's usually the biggest investment of our life and do so without really doing the necessary checking to see into what we're buying.

I do have a question for Senator Dickinson, if he'd answer.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Yes sir.

SENATOR BEREUTER: I endorse your amendment, Senator Dickinson. In listening to it I had a concern. I haven't read it. I have a concern that they might be able to print a brochure and satisfy the requirement. There's no specific language that indicates that this should be a brochure explaining the current condition. Since the nature of the bonded indebtedness and the organization does vary over a time very substantially in some of the SID's, would you be willing, if you think it's necessary ... and I didn't miss the language, would you be willing to make sure that's current?

SENATOR DICKINSON: I certainly would.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Would you put that amendment in in one way or another?

SENATOR DICKINSON: We're offering an amendment.... Senator Stoney is preparing a three-word amendment now. Perhaps we could work this out.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Fine, I just call it to your attention.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Senator Bereuter, here's a copy.